

## **In the Claims**

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 7, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 29, as follows.

- 1     1. (Currently Amended). An orbital implant which comprises:  
2         a porous core;  
3         [[a]] an anterior first coating portion covering a first outer surface section of said core; ~~and~~  
4         said first coating portion having a first bioabsorbability rate; and  
5         a second coating portion, distinct from said first portion, covering a second outer surface  
6         section of said core; said second coating portion having a second bioabsorbability rate different from  
7         said first bioabsorbability rate.
- 1     2. (Currently Amended). The implant of Claim 1, wherein said coating [[is]] portions are deformed  
2         to intimately contact surface features on said core.
- 1     3. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2         comprises a polymer.
- 1     4. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 3, wherein said polymer comprises a material  
2         selected from the group consisting of polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, polycaprolactone,  
3         polydiox-anone, polycyanoacrylate, polyorthoester, poly(gamma-ethyl glutamate), and pseudo-poly  
4         (amino acid).

1 5. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2 comprises a therapeutic agent.

1 6. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 5, wherein said therapeutic agent is selected from  
2 the group consisting of a vascularization agent, and antibiotic agent, an immuno-suppressant, a  
3 wound-healing promoter, a blood-clot dissolving agent, a blood-clotting agent, a cell-adhesion  
4 modulating molecule, and any combination thereof.

1 7. (Currently Amended). The implant of Claim 1, wherein said first and second coating portions  
2 are bonded to one another along a bond.

1 8. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 7, wherein said bond is selected from the group  
2 consisting of: glued bonds, chemical bonds, molecular bonds, magnetic bonds, electrostatic bonds,  
3 ultrasonic welds, heat welds, press fittings, snap fittings, shrink fittings, friction fittings, and  
4 mechanically fastened bonds.

1 9. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2 comprises a first material having a thickness selected to allow melting penetration using a handheld  
3 cautery.

1 10. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, which further comprises an indicia identifying  
2 said first portion.

- 1      11. (Withdrawn). The implant of Claim 10, wherein said indicia comprises lettering.
- 1      12. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 10, wherein said indicia comprises a color  
2      coding.
- 1      13. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2      has a passageway therethrough.
- 1      14. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 13, wherein said passageway is positioned on a  
2      posterior location of said implant.
- 1      15. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 13, wherein said passageway is sized to allow  
2      fluid exchange therethrough.
- 1      16. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 13, wherein said passageway has an upper rim  
2      at the surface of said coating portion, and a portion of said core extends into said passageway up to  
3      a buffer distance from said upper rim.
- 1      17. (Currently Amended). The implant of Claim 1, wherein said first coating portion comprises  
2      two concentrically adjacent layers wherein a first of said layers comprises a material not present in  
3      a second of said layers.

1 18. (Currently Amended). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2 comprises ~~means for reducing an adverse immune response by a recipient~~ an immunosuppressant  
3 agent.

1 19. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein said coating portions have a thickness  
2 of less than one millimeter.

1 20. (Currently Amended). An orbital implant which comprises:  
2 an implant having an outer first surface;  
3 a coating at least partially covering said first surface;  
4 said coating having a first exposed portion having a first bioabsorbability rate and a separate  
5 second exposed portion, distinct from said first portion, having a second bioabsorbability rate  
6 different from said first bioabsorbability rate.

1 21. (Original). The implant of Claim 20, wherein said coating has an outer second surface which  
2 is smoother than said first surface.

1 22. (Currently Amended). An orbital implant comprising:  
2 a substantially spheroid body sized and shaped to be placed in the orbit;  
3 a coating sized and shaped to intimately contact a section of said body; and  
4 wherein said coating has a first portion having a first bioabsorbability rate and a separate

5 second portion, distinct from said first portion, having a second bioabsorbability rate different from  
6 said first bioabsorbability rate.

1 23. (Currently Amended). The implant of Claim 22, wherein said coating comprises ~~means for~~  
2 ~~reducing an adverse immune response by a recipient~~ an immunosuppressant agent.

1 24. (Original). The implant of Claim 22, wherein said coating comprises a polymer.

1 25. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 24, wherein said polymer comprises a material  
2 selected from the group consisting of polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, polycaprolactone,  
3 polydiox-anone, polycyanoacrylate, polyorthoester, poly(gamma-ethyl glutamate), and pseudo-poly  
4 (amino acid).

1 26. (Original). The implant of Claim 22, wherein said coating comprises a therapeutic agent.

1 27. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 26, wherein said therapeutic agent is selected  
2 from the group consisting of a vascularization agent, and antibiotic agent, an immuno-suppressant,  
3 a wound-healing promoter, a blood-clot dissolving agent, a blood-clotting agent, a cell-adhesion  
4 modulating molecule, and any combination thereof.

1 28. (Original). The implant of Claim 22, wherein said coating comprises a surface having  
2 microtexturing.

1 29. (Currently Amended). A combination of a body and a coating for implantation into the orbit of

2 a mammal;

3 said body comprises an arcuate outer surface;

4 said coating comprises:

5 a first external portion being made from a first material having a first  
6 bioabsorbability property;

7 said first portion being sized and shaped to intimately contact said outer surface;

8 a second external portion, separate and distinct from said first portion, being made  
9 from a second material having a second bioabsorbability property;

10 said second portion being sized and shaped to intimately contact said outer surface;

11 wherein said first bioabsorbability property is different from second bioabsorbability  
12 property.